

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, EMBASE, BIOSIS

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2002/044939 A1 (PIZZA MARIAGRAZIA ET AL) 18 April 2002 (2002-04-18)	1,2,7, 12-15, 19, 25-28, 43-48
A	paragraph '0030! the whole document	3-6, 8-11, 16-18, 20-24, 29-39, 49-60
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A	----- GLENN G M ET AL: "Transcutaneous immunization with bacterial ADP-ribosylating exotoxins as antigens and adjuvants" INFECTION AND IMMUNITY, AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY. WASHINGTON, US, vol. 67, no. 3, March 1999 (1999-03), pages 1100-1106, XP002110054 ISSN: 0019-9567 the whole document	1-39, 43-60
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 47-48
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 47 and 48 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 40-42
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box II.1

Although claims 47 and 48 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 40-42

Claims 40-42, which relate to stabilising agents identified by the (screening) methods of claims 37-39, are "reach-through" claims which attempt to define a product by an effect to be achieved. Such a definition is in fact a mere statement of the problem underlying the claims and is not considered to be a clear definition in the sense of Article 6 PCT. Moreover, the skilled person would have to characterise all potential agonists / antagonists, without any effective pointer to their identity and to test every known compound, as well as every conceivable future compound, for this activity to see if it falls within the scope of the claims. Moreover, the description does not provide any meaningful disclosure of suitable compounds identified by the method of claims 37-39.

Hence, it cannot ascertain whether or not a particular product falls within the scope of claims 40-42, so that a meaningful search of the subject-matter of said claims 40-42 is not possible.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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